

# San Diego DX Club San Diego



March 2010

## MIDWAY ISLAND 2009



Program: . Arnie Shatz, N6HC, presents the K4M DXpedition to Midway Island



Join us at the **SIZZLER**

**Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd**

**March 24, 2010**

**Social hour, 5:00 P.M.—Dinner, 5:30 P.M. - Meeting, 6:30 P.M**

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## From the Prez . . . .

Wayne Zimmerman NN6R



Wow, how fast the time flies. It seems like yesterday that I finished the last President's report. I guess that means we are all staying busy.

We were saddened by the loss of Oscar Olson, Gayle's (K6GO) husband, after a long illness. Many of us who knew Oscar know what a special person he was. Good DXing Oscar.

After a great but short period of propagation right before our last meeting, things have quieted. The numbers haven't been all that bad but I haven't caught any more great 12 meter openings and 15 meters has been OK at best. The DX contest weekend hasn't been any great shakes either. As soon as I complain however, the bands will come roaring back. It has been a bummer calling weak DX stations and getting clobbered by the East Coast. It's particularly galling when you hear the East Coast tell the DX - "it was great working you the other day and I wanted to tell you HI again" when many of us haven't heard that part of the world for several years. Oh well, our turn will come.

Thanks to all of you that signed up for a stint on the Registration table at Visalia. That job is our main responsibility and provides income to the club. We are counting on you to do a stellar job as you represent the San Diego DX Club to the rest of the ham community.

Keep checking the club's website for any news concerning the antenna fight. Arnie has been doing a fantastic job with the website and all the news that is fit to print can be found there. Thanks Arnie for your many hours of hard work. Thanks too to the many who have contributed so much time and effort to the cause. Glenn Rattman, Larry Serra, Jim Price and Howard White specifically, with many others in a supporting role. Without volunteers like you we could be in a world of hurt.

It looks like we may have a full house for our next meeting. Arnie Shatz, N6HC, is coming down to tell us about their expedition to Midway a few months back. We hope to have a few of the USS Midway Museum station operators joining us as well. If we miss you at the March meeting, I hope we will see you all at Visalia.

DX IS !

73, Wayne, NN6R

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome! **(Hamad—9K2HN— this means you! Welcome!)**



## Treasurers Report

Leon Helms, N6VS



### Treasurers Report

Bank Balance as of February 1, 2010 3,900.14

#### Income:

Membership dues 220.00

#### Expenses:

Office supplies 16.40

Phase II Legal Expenses 107.49

Bank balance March 1, 2010 3,996.25

Petty Cash on hand 20.00

Balance checking & Petty Cash 4,016.25

Antenna Ordinance balance -703.16

There are 72 club members with dues paid for this year.

### San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero drive at Murphy Canyon Road. President Wayne Zimmerman, NN6R called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. There were 35 members and guests present. W6NOW has returned to active membership and we welcome N6WST, John and KI6YZB, Steven as new members. Larry, N6NC gave a summary of the activity concerning the proposed San Diego antenna ordinance, details of which are available at [www.SDDXC.org](http://www.SDDXC.org). Notice that our legal fund deficit increased last month due to expenses incurred on our behalf by the lawyer (Lobbyist registration and FED-EX fees).

During the month the team leader Paul, N6PSE, solicited the club for a donation to the YI9PSE DX-pedition to Kurdistan April 2 – 12th. Since one of our own (Bob, N6OX) is going and a large number of members need the QSO, the board decided to send the requested \$150. In response I received this from N6PSE:

"It is only through the generosity of individuals and clubs such as your's, that we can achieve our mission of providing YI to all that need it.

Please tell your members to work us on many bands and modes. We will do everything we can to listen for W6's and beyond. We will regularly break and ask for Any West Coast stations?"

Their web site is <http://www.yi9pse.com> where we are recognized as a sponsor.

Ben, N6MUF presented the program for the evening with a description of his DX-pedition to Lesotho during July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 12<sup>th</sup> last year. This was a well-organized expedition to a interesting area. They made over 28.000 QSOs. They qualified for DXCC and JCC 300 has been reached so far with still many outstanding QSL's from JA's.

The DX roundup was as interesting as ever, with of plans for the upcoming contests and improving band conditions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Leon Helms N6VS secretary/treasurer

## The SDDXC Top 10

John, K6AM



### TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 80 METERS

3/10	3/09	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	2.	N6ND	40	226	229	293	+2
2.	1.	K6NA	40	?	?	292	-
3.	3.	W6YA	40	?	?	291	-
4.	5.	K6XT	40	209	210	260	-
5.	7.	W6YI	40	238	240	250	+9
6.	6.	W6EUF	40	216	226	246	-
7.	8.	K6AM	40	238	239	242	+3
8.	9.	N6CW	39	?	189	232	-
9.	10.	K6TQ	39	230	230	230	-
10.	-.	N6AW	40	215	217	221	-

### TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 20 METERS

3/10	3/09	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	2.	W6BS	40	330	380	380	-
2.	3.	W6EUF	40	337	374	374	-
3.	4.	W6YA	40	333	368	374	-
4.	5.	N6CW	40	?	354	361	-
5.	6.	N6AW	40	331	350	351	-
6.	7.	N6ND	40	307	318	349	-
7.	8.	K9RHY	40	336	347	347	-
8.	9.	W6YI	40	330	344	346	+1
9.	10.	K6AM	40	337	343	343	-
10.	-.	W6YOO	40	335	340	340	-

It's a horse race at the front of the 80 M pack. This year, Rick, N6ND edges out Glenn, K6NA by a nose. But then again, Glenn has not reported his score for some time. Other than that, 20 is pretty well worked out and the top standings should remain cast in stone until we can convince the ARRL to reinstate all the deleted countries. Uncle Ed, W6KUT moves into the Hall of Fame with scores of 271 on 80 and the top score of 385 on 20.

80 still has some room to grow. Propagation is usually best on 80 at the bottom of the cycle, and we are still there.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 15 meters, and the WARC bands. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

# DX Is!!

## 2010 Visalia DX Convention

The 61st Annual International DX Convention, sponsored by the Southern California DX Club, will be held at The Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center Visalia on 16-18 April 2010. Details at

<http://www.dxconvention.org/>

For questions regarding registration or DX stations who need lodging assistance, please email Cathy Gardenias, K6VC at the address located on the website under registration.

## 2010 Visalia IDXC Contest Dinner

The Mother Lode DX and Contest Club is pleased to host the 11th Annual Contest Dinner on Friday, April 16th, at the International DX Convention <<http://www.dxconvention.org>> in Visalia, CA. Contest Dinner tickets are on sale now at: <http://www.mldxcc.org>

There will be no Contest Dinner tickets sold at the door. Order your tickets early! The dinner will be held in the Oak room at the Holiday Inn, Visalia. Dinner Speaker: The Return of Dr. Beldar. Cost and ticket

sales: \* Dinner reservations are by pre-payment ONLY - no tickets will be sold at the door!

\* 38.00 USDs per person with random seating; or, 370.00 USDs for a full table for 10 people All 10 tickets must be purchased by ONE person. One table will then be reserved for that person.

Location of the reserved table will be random. Seating is limited to 150, no tickets will be sold at the door. Ticket orders MUST be placed by April 12th, 2010. Please direct any questions to: [dinner@sonic.net](mailto:dinner@sonic.net)

## 2010 Visalia IDXC Top Band Dinner

The **Top Band Dinner** at the 2010 Visalia DX Convention will be held Friday, April 16th, at the Convention Hotel - Holiday Inn Visalia CA - Birch Room.

**Bruce Butler, W6OSP**, will present "The Low Bands from K4M, Midway." Miner 49er BBQ buffet dinner at 36 USDs / person, Door Prize eligibility included.

To check on availability, send an email to Steve, WB6RSE, at his QRZ.com address with the number of reservations you wish along with CALL, FIRST & LAST NAME, and contact EMAIL address for each person.

You will receive a return email confirming availability along with payment information. Advance paid reservations are absolutely required!

## 2010 Visalia IDXC IOTA Dinner

The 15th annual **Islands On The Air (IOTA) Dinner** will be held on Friday, April 16th, in the Plaza Room of the Holiday Inn Hotel, 9000 W. Airport Drive, Visalia, California in conjunction with the 61st annual Visalia International DX Convention.

This dinner is open to all who are interested or active in the IOTA program. If you do not desire dinner, you may sit and enjoy the IOTA program following the dinner.

The program agenda is as follows:

1730 - 1830 Doors open, socializing and eyeball QSOs (Drinks available on order)

1830 - Dinner served, buffet style; Welcoming & Introductions

1845 - IOTA Programs begin; IOTA Presentations TBD; Door prizes

2200 - Closing

The dinner will be served buffet style in the Birch Room at a cost of 30 USDs per person (service charge and tax included). The buffet menu will contain entree choice of beef or chicken along with salad, vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, and a beverage. Vegetarian meal is available with two weeks notice. Wine and liquor can be purchased separately.

Reservations are not required but they would like to know if you are attending. Please contact one of the two coordinators below. The buffet service is for 60 persons and seating for 75 persons. Attendees will pay as they enter at the door with cash. We are offering advanced payment by check (30 USDs per person) received at least two weeks prior to the dinner to N6VR's address below. Admission is free for those wishing to watch the programs without dinner. Seating will be "first come, first seated".

For additional information regarding this event, please contact: Ray Benny, N6VR or Will Costello, WC6DX IOTA Dinner Coordinator  
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See the DX Convention Web site for details on the Convention at: <http://dxconvention.org>

### March Program: K4M Midway Atoll October 2009 DXpedition by Arnold I. Shatz, N6HC

Previous DXpeditions: K7C (Kure Atoll) – 2005, 3B7C (St. Brandon) – 2007, TX5C (Clipperton) – 2008, K4M (Midway Atoll)-2009.

Other operations: Hawaii, Alaska, Mexico, Prince Edward Island, Kure atoll, St. Brandon

Other calls: : KN3ANU, K3ANU, WB5ICL, WA7SHB, WB6YHE, W6THF

Club memberships: Southern California Contest and DX Clubs, Orange County Amateur Radio Club, Chiltern DX Association (UK), Medical Amateur Radio Council, Ltd. (MARCO)

Arnie was first licensed as KN3ANU at the age of 13 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He upgraded to a General Class ticket (K3ANU) and received an Official Relay Station (ORS) appointment from the ARRL and so began his love of CW traffic handling. This ARRL voluntary position allowed him to participate in the league's sponsored CD party contests fueling his enjoyment of radiosport. After four years of amateur radio activity he put the hobby into hibernation while he attended Temple University and earned a B.S. in Biology and a M.D. degree. There was little time for playing amateur radio during his post medical school specialty training in Urology at the University of California, San Francisco (WB6YHE), and two years of service as a Lt. Cmdr. in the United States Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, on the Navajo and Hopi reservations (WB5ICL, WA7SHB).

He moved to Southern California in 1976 with his wife (KA6DOW) and son (N6COG) and started a solo private urology practice. Arnie upgraded to Extra in 1977 as N6HC. He retired from full time urology practice in 2001 and continued practicing as a part-time locum tenens physician. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a long time member of the California and Orange County Medical Associations, a diplomate of the American Board of Urology and a member of both the American Urological Association and the Western Section of the AUA as well as the California Urological Association. He was a member of the clinical faculty of Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Arnie has been an ARRL member for more than fifty years and is a member of the Legacy Circle and Maxim Society. He serves as a Field QSL card checker for both ARRL and CQ awards. He has assisted in communications with the Hollywood Christmas Parade, various long distance races and has staffed the amateur radio booth at the Orange County fair. He was one of the amateur radio Captains for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Radio station (NG840). He is an active member of the Southern California DX (Vice-President-2009 and served twice as the host of the August Bash BBQs) and Contest Clubs and the Orange County Amateur Radio Club. He is a member of the A-1 operators club, the Straight Key Century Club (#1309) and the Ten-Ten International club (#29959). He has earned many ARRL and CQ-Magazine operating awards including WAS (6 bands, SSB, CW, RTTY), DXCC Honor Roll, DXCC (8 bands, SSB, CW, RTTY), WAZ (CW & SSB), WAC, WPX and VUCC. He is an active contester and has won numerous certificates for participation in both domestic and DX competitions. He has operated from many places around the continental United States as well as in Hawaii, Alaska, Mexico and Prince Edward Island.

### SDDXC's 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

Afternoon barbeque at K6NA's QTH Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30 to 5:00

Menu:

Club-supplied hamburgers, veggie burgers, buns, condiments, plates and cups  
[If you prefer a steak, feel free to bring and cook it]

Tom will be the chef-in-charge

Pot lock by attendees is based on the **suffix** of your call sign

A-H = appetizer I-P = side dishes Q-Z = dessert

Drinks: beer & wine, soda, water, coffee

### Late March and April Contests

Contest	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	27-Mar	0000Z	28-Mar	2359Z
YU DX Contest	18-Apr	2100Z	19-Apr	0500Z
YU DX Contest (continues)	19-Apr	0900Z	19-Apr	1700Z
Holyland DX Contest	18-Apr	0000Z	18-Apr	2359Z

### T32 DXpedition (New IOTA's)

Starting March 2010

[Website](#)



**Major IOTA DXpedition to the Southern Line Islands** lead by Nils-Göran Persson, SM6CAS. The team comprises Nils – SM6CAS, Steve – G4EDG, Mike – K9AJ and Derek – G3KHZ plus 5 Kiribati Government officers. They will sail on the *SV Kwai* from Kiritimati approximately 17 March, 2010 returning Kiritimati approx one month later.

IOTA activity is planned from:

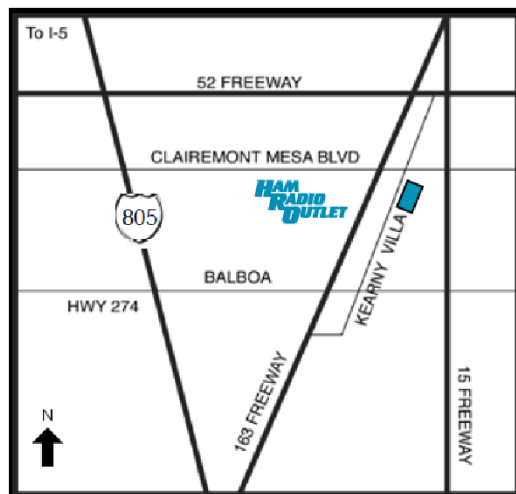
[OC-279 Malden Island](#)

[OC-280 Starbuck Island](#)

[OC-281 Caroline Island](#)

[OC-282 Vostok Island](#)

These uninhabited IOTA groups **have never been activated.**



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